



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAPPAC)

**Chairperson:** TBD

**Committee Members:**

Laura Abbe  
Lisa Bellows  
LaTasha DeLoach  
Jill Hesse  
Mark Lyman  
Kim Scorza  
Nancy Wells

**ICAPP Administrators:**

Liz Cox  
Julie Dalrymple  
Abby Patterson

**DHS Liaison:**

Lisa Bender

### Meeting Notice

The Child Abuse Prevention Program Advisory Committee (CAPPAC), of the Council on Human Services, held a meeting **Friday, Feb. 17, 2017** from **1pm-4:00pm**

### **Urbandale Public Library, Meeting Room B**

3520 86th Street  
Urbandale, IA 50322

### Meeting Agenda

#### Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions

- **Members Present:** Abbe, Hesse, Lyman, Scorza, and Wells
- **Members Absent:** Bellows, DeLoach (both exempt for new orientation)
- **ICAPP Administrators Present:** Patterson
- **DHS Staff Present:** Bender

#### Approval of Minutes

- Bender noted that given most members present for the orientation meetings were not at the Nov meeting, the group will wait to approve Nov. minutes at the next regular meeting.

#### Presentation on ICAPP/CBCAP history and CAPPAC

- Bender provided new members with a presentation covering:
  - Overview/History of Child Welfare and Prevention
  - Current Efforts in Iowa
    - Bureau of Child Welfare (IDHS)
    - ICAPP/CBCAP
    - Role of CAPPAC

- Future Direction

- Bender will email out to members the Power Point presentation following the meeting.
- During the presentation Bender also provided an update to the group on the proposed charter to the Council on Human Services. She stated that she presented the draft document to the Council on 2/8 and was asked to make a few adjustments and hopes to have the final agreement approved in the next few months.

### **Role of Program Administrator**

- Program Overview – Bender talked a bit more about the role of the Program Administrator. It was also noted that the current administrative contract is set to expire on June 30, 2017 and that the IDHS is currently in the process of procuring those services to begin July 1, 2017. Bender noted that given that this is an active bid, she is not able to talk about the RFP itself, but referred members to the weblink to the Bid Opportunities site that was previously sent out.
- Evaluation – Patterson provided an overview of the most recent SFY 2016 evaluation data, to include an overview of participant demographics, service numbers, and pre/post data from the Protective Factors Survey (PFS). In addition, Patterson specifically went over some of the differences noted in outcomes for home visitation by model (i.e., Parents as Teachers or Healthy Families America).
  - Lyman noted the small gains made in the PFS data and questioned whether programs were, in fact, making a difference.
    - Bender and Patterson acknowledged that this is one of the inherent challenges of the PFS in that parents have a tendency to score fairly high at pre-test, meaning gains often do not seem significant.
    - It was also discussed how this has been an ongoing critique of the PFS and it was noted that a new version of the survey will be piloted soon by the tool developers. This new version is anticipated to offer a retrospective approach to address some of the “over confidence” sometimes seen in pre-tests. For example, caregivers often “don’t know what they don’t know” and have a tendency to rate themselves high at first, only to later realize they didn’t know as much as they thought they did.
- Q & A and comments:
  - Scorza expressed concerns over the ability of the program to make (and measure) a significant difference with so many small dollar grants

spread across the state.

- Bender acknowledged having had some of the same concerns and stated that service contracts have already decreased from 172 in 2009 to 108 in 2016 in a gradual effort to address this issue and shift the program towards higher quality programming and stronger evaluation.
- Bender and Patterson both acknowledged some of the challenges in this (i.e., making dramatic program changes), as it can be viewed by many local grantees that the state is “taking funds away” from their communities.
- Bender noted that in the past there has been a philosophical approach to the program that valued providing statewide coverage (i.e., breadth) vs. comprehensive services in a few select communities (i.e., depth). However, it was also noted that this is not rooted in any law/policy and that there are certainly opportunities for change and that the IDHS looks forward to hearing more from the CAPPAC on their ideas about the program.

#### **Wrap-up & Schedule Next Meeting**

- The next meeting will be held at some point in the spring and will be an in-person meeting to review the renewal process for the grantees. Bender stated she will send out a poll to members to determine the best time for all to attend.

*This meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have special needs please contact Lisa Bender at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Please also provide notice if you are a member, but will be unable to attend this meeting. Notice can be made via telephone: (515)281-8787 or e-mail: [lbender@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:lbender@dhs.state.ia.us)*